

**MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST
DETERMINATION OF ELIGIBILITY FORM**

NR Eligible: yes _____
no _____

Property Name: Bonner Farm Inventory Number: CARR-1708
Address: 515 Pleasant Valley Road Historic district: _____ yes X no
City: Westminster Zip Code: 21157 County: Carroll
USGS Quadrangle(s): Littlestown
Property Owner: Vernon Kirkwood Bonner Tax Account ID Number: 07 085575
Tax Map Parcel Number(s): 436 Tax Map Number: 30 (7.75 ac.)
Project: Cultural Resources Survey for the Proposed Improvements to C Agency: Delta Associates
Agency Prepared By: Coastal Carolina Research, Inc.
Preparer's Name: Jennifer Stewart Date Prepared: 7/3/2008
Documentation is presented in: Architectural Investigations
Preparer's Eligibility Recommendation: _____ Eligibility recommended X Eligibility not recommended
Criteria: A B C D Considerations: A B C D E F G
Complete if the property is a contributing or non-contributing resource to a NR district/property:
Name of the District/Property: _____
Inventory Number: _____ Eligible: _____ yes Listed: _____ yes
Site visit by MHT Staff _____ yes X no Name: _____ Date: _____

Description of Property and Justification: *(Please attach map and photo)*

Bonner Farm (CARR-1708) is located at 515 Pleasant Valley Road. Built c. 1900, this two-story I-House is currently part of a horse farm. The exterior walls of the house are covered in vinyl siding, and the side-gabled roof is clad in standing-seam metal. The house rests on a solid foundation of randomly laid stone. A brick chimney is located on the exterior end of the roof. The shed-roofed front porch is three bays wide and is supported by turned wooden posts. The front door features a one-light transom window. Fenestration consists of one-over-one aluminum sash windows with decorative shutters. A one-story shed-roof addition has been appended to the rear of the house.

Eight outbuildings are associated with this house, including two chicken houses, a privy, a shed, a chicken coop, an equipment shed, a garage, and a barn. The privy is clad in vertical boards with a gabled roof covered in standing-seam metal. The shed is covered in plywood and has a shed roof clad in standing-seam metal. One chicken house is covered in weatherboard with a shed roof covered in standing-seam metal. The other chicken house is clad in corrugated metal with vertical boards in the gabled ends, and it has a gabled roof covered in standing-seam metal. The equipment shed is constructed of concrete block with a gabled roof covered in standing-seam metal. The one-bay garage is constructed of concrete block, and the gabled roof is covered in standing-seam metal. The barn is a large early twentieth-century building clad in vertical boards with a gabled roof covered in standing-

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seam metal. Appended to the northeast elevation is a large open bay covered by a shed roof, and the northeast portion of the bay contains a corncrib. The forebay of the bank barn is located on the southeast elevation. The southwest portion of the barn is constructed of concrete block and may have been originally used as a milk house.

Historical research was conducted on the Bonner Farm (CARR-1708) to determine whether the resource had association with any event or person significant in our nation's past. No structures in the location of the Bonner Farm are shown on the nineteenth century maps reviewed as part of the project. These maps are referenced in Phase I Cultural Resources Survey Proposed Improvements, Carroll County Regional Airport, Westminster, Maryland. The absence of a structure at this location on nineteenth century maps is consistent with the circa 1900 construction date of the resource based upon its architectural features.

Historical research was conducted at the Maryland Historical Trust Library, the Carroll County Historical Society in Westminster, the Carroll County Tax Assessment Office in Westminster, the Carroll County Public Library in Westminster, the Hackney Library at Barton College in Wilson, North Carolina, and the library of CCR. Specific resources consulted can be found in the bibliography of Phase I Cultural Resources Survey Proposed Improvements, Carroll County Regional Airport, Westminster, Maryland. Based upon this research, the Bonner Farm has no apparent association with any event or person significant in our nation's history.

Historical research on the Bonner Farm reveals that the resource is not associated with a specific event or a pattern of events marking an important period in, local, state, or national history and therefore, is recommended as not eligible for the NRHP under Criterion A. In addition, the farm isn't associated with the life of any person significant in history, and therefore is recommended as not eligible for the NRHP under Criterion B. The Bonner Farm is recommended as not eligible for the NRHP under Criterion C. The house exhibits a common I-house design and features typical construction techniques. The I-house is a two-story, one-room-deep rectangular structure, three or five bays wide. The linear-plan was first built by early colonists and continued as a dominant house plan in folk architecture well into the twentieth century (McAlester and McAlester 1998). The I-house was simple to build and provided good ventilation in warm climates. Historically, it became the standard dwelling of successful farmers, and it was the main vernacular house type for generations throughout rural areas, such as Carroll County (Foster 2004). There are approximately 11 dwellings built in the I-house form in the current survey area. It is stated by Joe Getty in Carroll's Heritage: Essays on the Architecture of a Piedmont Maryland County that the traditional Carroll County farmhouse style persisted as the dominant house type through the nineteenth century. Variations were sometimes made to the design, such as the addition of a rear ell, which was popular during the mid-nineteenth century (Getty 1987). The house is a common I-house design and has been altered significantly. In addition, the house displays multiple alterations including the addition of vinyl siding, the addition of aluminum windows, the construction of a rear addition, and the addition of decorative shutters. The multiple alterations diminish the architectural integrity of the house. Since an archaeological survey has not been conducted at the property, no recommendations are made of Criterion D.

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Bonner Farm
CARR-1708
515 Pleasant Valley Road
Westminster, MD
Built c. 1900
Private Access

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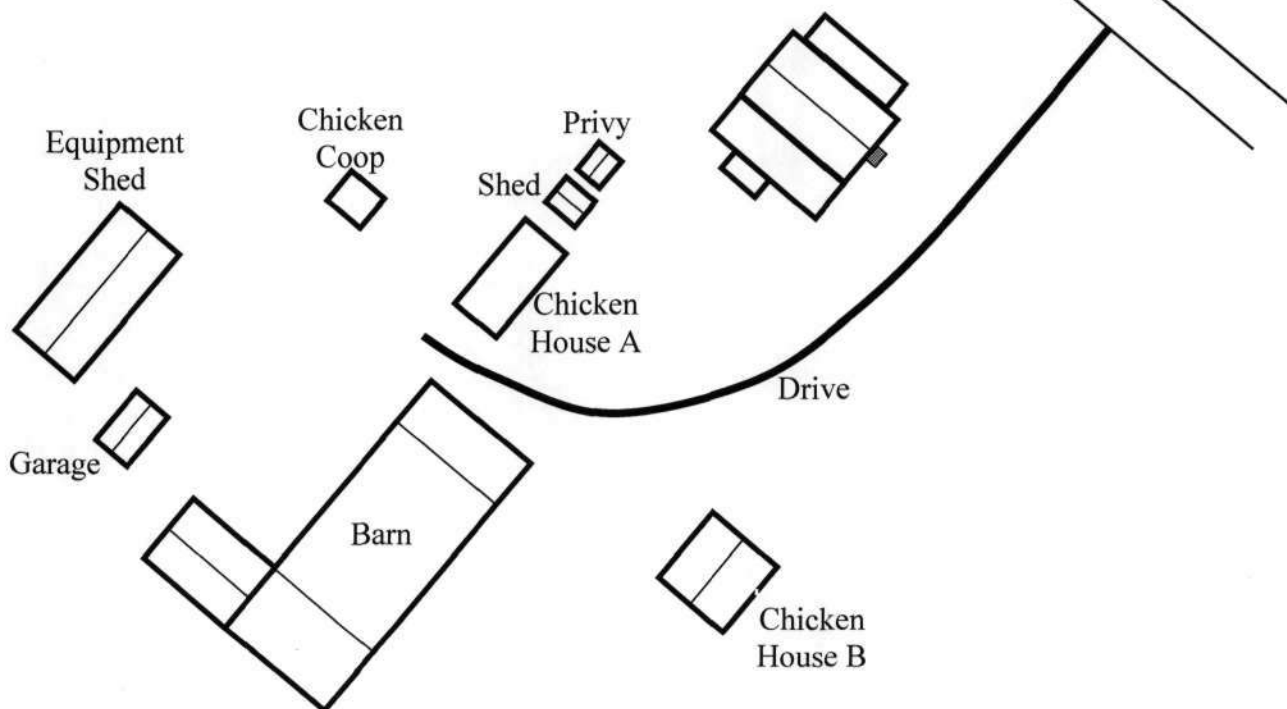
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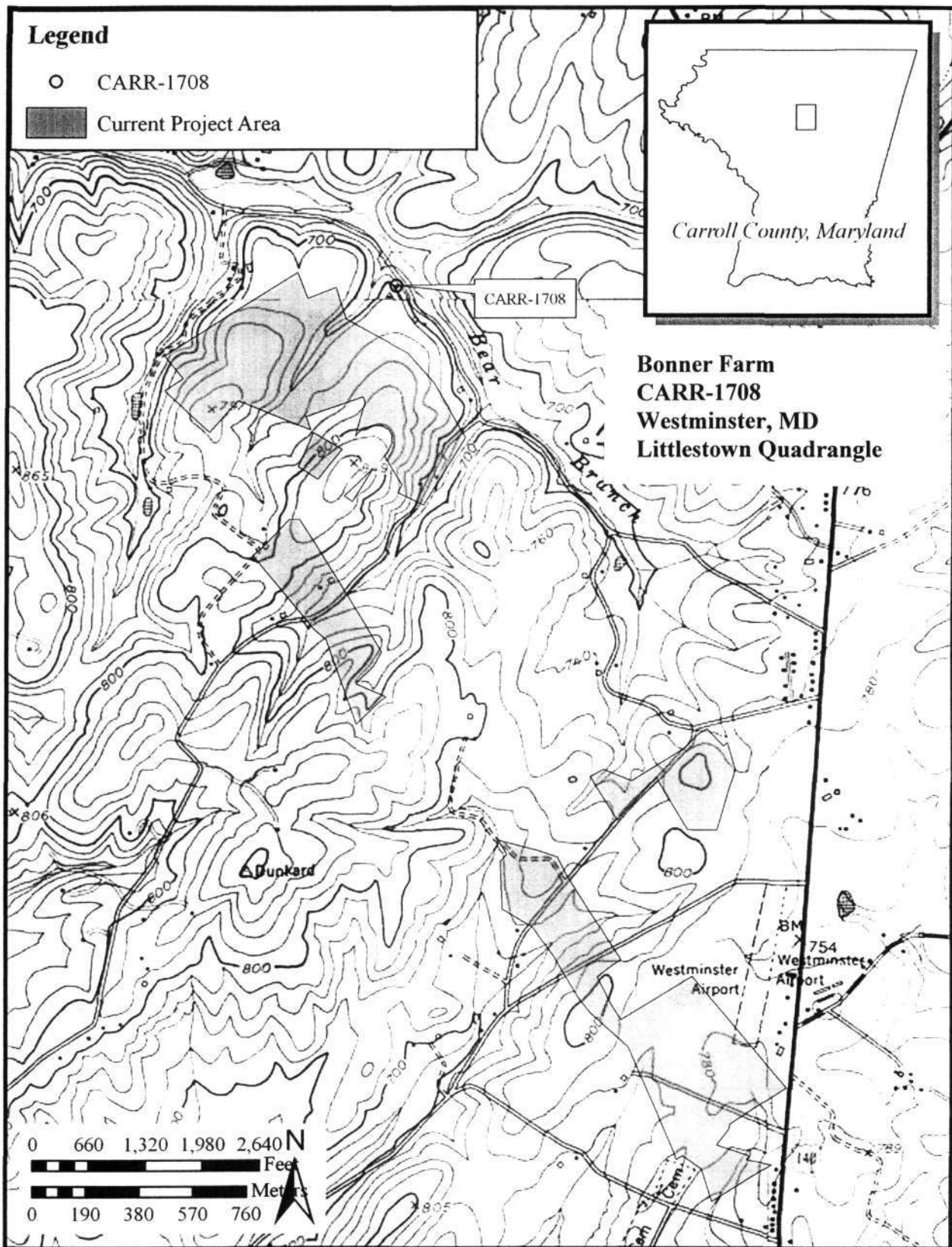
This dwelling exhibits a design common for the period, it was built during the Industrial/Urban Dominance to Modern Period (1870-Present). This farm exhibits a design common for the period. This resource has no apparent association with any event or person significant in our nation's history, lacks architectural significance, and does not appear to have the ability to yield important information. The dwelling displays multiple alterations including the addition of vinyl siding, the replacement of windows, the construction of a rear addition, and the addition of decorative shutters. The multiple alterations diminish the architectural integrity of the house. The Bonner farm is recommended as not eligible for the NRHP under Criteria A, B, C, or D.

Resource Sketch Map
515 Pleasant Valley Rd.
Bonner Farm
CARR-1708
Westminster
Carroll County



Pleasant Valley Rd.





Location of CARR-1708.



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Bonner Farm

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House, facing S

MD SHPO

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House, facing N
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FIVE MILE FARM EST. 1985

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Barn facing SW

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CAR 1708

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Garage, facing SW

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Equipment Shed, facing W

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Chicken House B, facing SE
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Chicken House A, facing W

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Chicken Coop facing NW

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Shed, facing W
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Privy, facing NW

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